

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/670,199

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/04/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 19-24, renumbered 1-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 09/26/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Fogarty on 05/04/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract on line 2, delete, "detection means" and insert, -detector-.

In the Abstract on line 4, delete, "control means" and insert, -controller-.

In the Abstract on line 5, delete, "detection means" and insert, -detector-.

In the Abstract on line 6-7, delete, "driving means" and insert, -driver-.

In the Abstract on line 7, delete, "estimation means" and insert, -estimator-.

In the Abstract on line 9, delete, "correction means" and insert, -corrector-.

In the Abstract on line 11, delete, "estimation means" and insert, -estimator-.

In the Abstract on line 11, delete, "comparison means" and insert, -comparator-.

In the Abstract on line 13-14, delete, "addition means" and insert, -adder-.

In the Claims, cancel claims 9-18 in their entirety.

In the Claims, cancel claims 25-68 in their entirety.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-8 and 19-24 are allowed as the prior art, in particular Kadlec et al. (US 5,684,650) does not teach or suggest the applicant's invention. Claims 1 and 19 teach a method and means for a disk drive. The

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distinguishing elements of the claims teach generating a voltage estimation signal that is an estimate of a voltage signal, which is generated when driving actuator means for positioning the head, based on a driving signal for the actuator means and the voltage signal; comparing the voltage estimation signal with the voltage signal, and generating a deviation signal which indicates a difference between the voltage estimation signal and the voltage signal; adding a signal obtained by multiplying an integral signal, which is obtained by integrating the deviation signal, by a first coefficient and a signal obtained by multiplying a proportional signal proportional to the deviation signal by a second coefficient, and thereby generating a disturbance estimation signal; combining the position control signal and the disturbance estimation signal, and generating the driving signal; and driving the actuator means by the driving signal, and positioning the head relative to the disk.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason C. Olson whose telephone number is (571)272-7560. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday 7:30-5:30; alternate Fridays.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Hudspeth can be reached on (571)272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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